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SUBJ: DETAINEES FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH CONGEN OFF JAN 16 LOCAL ICRC REP
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRISONERS HELD BY ISRAELIS FROM WEST BANK,
GAZA AND EAST JERUSALEM WAS BETWEEN 2400 AND 2600. OF THESE
HE SAID 50 TO 60 WERE WEST BANKERS AND EAST JERUSALEMITES HELD
UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION (I.E. WITHOUT FORMAL CHARGE OR
TRIAL). MANY OF THESE WERE ARRESTED IN APRIL-MAY 1974. HE
NOTED FAMILIES OF MANY OF THESE DETAINEES HELD PROTEST SIT-DOWN
DEMONSTRATION IN ICRC EAST JERUSALEM OFFICE JAN 14 BUT SAID
THERE LITTLE RED CROSS COULD DO SINCE THIS PROCEDURE PERMISSIBLE
UNDER MILITARY OCCUPATION FOR PERSONS HELD ON SECURITY GROUNDS.

2. NEW PROBLEM HAD ARISEN, ICRC REP SAID, IN CONNECTION WITH
CERTAIN PRISONERS WHOSE TERMS NOW BEGINNING TO EXPIRE. THESE
WERE FORMER WEST BANKERS WHO HAD INFILTRATED BACK FROM JORDAN
SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND HAD BEEN JAILED FOR FAIRLY LENGTHY TERMS.
WHEN ISRAELIS RELEASED THEM THEY WERE GENERALLY SENT ACROSS
BRIDGE TO JORDAN WITH EXIT PERMIT THAT ALLOWED NO RETURN,
IN EFFECT EXPELLING THEM. JORDAN, HOWEVER, WAS NOT ALLOWING
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THEM ENTRY AND WHEN GOJ SENT THEM BACK GOI RE-JAILED THEM

UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER. PROBLEM WOULD GROW, HE SAID,
SINCE TERMS OF MORE AND MORE SUCH PRISONERS WOULD BE EXPIRING.
LEBANON AND SYRIA WERE ALSO NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT THEM.

3. ICRC REP SAID HE HAD VISITED CAPUCCI WHO, THOUGH ON
"HUNGER STRIKE," WAS TAKING LIGHT NOURISHMENT AND RECEIVED
RATHER SPECIAL TREATMENT. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT ONCE PERIOD
DURING WHICH HE COULD FILE APPEAL EXPIRED, WITHIN FEW DAYS,
CAPUCCI WAS TO BE MOVED TO REGULAR JAIL AND TREATED
AS OTHER PRISONERS, REQUIRED TO WEAR PRISON GARB, ETC. HE
ASSUMED THIS WOULD GIVE RISE TO NEW PROTEST. CAPUCCI HAS
INDICATED HE WILL NOT FILE APPEAL SINCE HE DOES NOT RECOGNIZE
JURISDICTION OF THE ISRAELI COURT (THOUGH WE ASSUME ULTIMATE
DECISION PROBABLY HAS LAIN WITH HIS CHURCH).
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